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DEPT PASS TREASURY FOR HICKMAN

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SUBJECT: US/RP ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS -- DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY

REF: STATE 78901

- 1. HENNESSY AND ARNOLD TALKED WITH VIRATA RE DOUBLE TAX TREATY APRIL 19. VIRATA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXPANSION OF COVERAGE OF PENDING US-RP TAX TREATY TO INCLUDE INTEREST, ROYALTIES, AND DIVIDENDS, WHICH VIRATA INSISTS NOT NOW COVERED BY INCOME TAX PROVISIONS OF TREATY.
- 2. HENNESSY CHARACTERIZED TACTICAL CHOICE AS BETWEEN ON ONE HAND PROCEEDING WITH PRESENT TREATY AND THEN MAKING SUITABLE AMENDMENTS, OR ON OTHER HAND, PROCEEDING IMMEDIATELY TO REVISE PENDING TREATY AND RESUBMITTING REVISED VERSION FOR ACTION BY U.S. SENATE.
- 3. VIRATA EXPRESSED HOPE UNDER SECRETARY ALFREDO PIO DE RODA, WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON BEGINNING APRIL 22 THROUGH MID-MAY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH WORLD BANK, COULD EXPLORE IDEAS RAISED HERE FURTHER WITH STATE AND TREASURY OFFICIALS. CONFIDENTIAL

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HENNESSY INDICATED HICKMAN WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TREASURY

OFFICIAL FOR THIS PURPOSE. HENNESSY AND VIRATA SEE PROPOSED PIO DE RODA CONVERSATIONS AS PRELIMINARY TO POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP BY TECHNICAL TEAM SUGGESTED BY HENNESSY AND REACTED TO FAVORABLY BY VIRATA.

4. DEPARTMENT AND TREASURY REQUESTED CONTACT PIO DE RODA VIA PHIL EMBASSY TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE MEETINGS. UNDERSTAND PIO DE RODA RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM VIRATA. PURNELL

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